(b) Amendments to the Specification

Please substitute the Abstract on pages 127-128 with the following replacement Abstract. A clean copy of the amended Abstract follows the marked-up Abstract.

Provided is a novel An organic compound that can be suitably used suitable as a compound for an organic EL device. The compound is represented by general formula (1):

wherein

x, y and z are an integer of 0 to 3 with $x + z \ge 1$;

 R_3 , R_8 , R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , and R_{18} are hydrogen or a linear or branched alkyl;

 R_1 , R_2 , R_4 , and R_5 , R_5 , R_5 , R_5 , and R_{10} are hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl with at least one being a substituted or unsubstituted aryl:

A is hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or group B:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_6 & R_7 \\
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R_{10} & R_9
\end{array}$$

(wherein R6, R7, R8, R9, and R10 are hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or a substituted

or unsubstituted aryl); and

 $R_{11},R_{12},R_{13}, and\ R_{14} \ are\ hydrogen,\ a\ linear\ or\ branched\ alkyl,\ or\ a$ substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and

each CH on the benzene ring may be replaced by nitrogen.